

Here begins the Diary entry of Frater OTx PTN--690 (a.k.a. PVN) for TUESDAY, the 23rd Day of NOVEMBER, 1982 e.v.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

I am very tempted to zap most of yesterday's entry, but to do so would be giving the energy of fear/disapproval/discomfort to those parts of myself which are brought to light by that entry. I will leave yesterday's entry intact, but today I will zap/edit/re-arrange the entry so that I can express myself in a far more constructive manner (i.e., without making derogatory comparisons between myself & 718). There is no way that I can justifiably make comparisons between myself & 718. His writing style is so deliberately obscure that I (who do not really know the man) can possibly know when he is expressing an intrinsic belief or when he is simply expressing an idea which he finds intriguing.

I am now about halfway through Outside the Circles of Time and I am beginning to see many ways in which my 'self-developed' Thelemic based shamanism ties into 718's work. He speaks of some 'new' astrological constellation called Arachnae (the spider) which he attributes to 16 May through 14 June. On the outer, this corresponds to the last portion of Tropical Taurus thru most of Tropical Gemini. But on the inner (Sidereal) plane, this range of dates corresponds almost exactly to Sidereal Taurus. It is also worthy of note that when the solar orb is in the constellation of Arachnae, the full moon is conjunct Scorpio, the only other constellation which is venomous. May 15 is currently the first day of the influence of Sidereal Taurus upon the solar orb. May 15 is also the day upon which the sun is conjunct with Algol, the demon star who guards one of the gateways to 'Universe B' known & feared by the Arabs. Thus algol becomes the gateway to Arachnae in this new system. Anne was born on 15 May in the early afternoon when the sun was almost in exact aspect to Algol. From what I am able to ascertain through intuitive research as well as my practical explorations through Anne's vaginal/astral gateway, those born under the strong influence of Algol are inexorably linked with the stone door described by Roerich in Himalayas--Abode of Light. "In the foothills of the Himalayas are many caves, and it is said from these caves subterranean passages proceed far below Kinchinjunga. Some have even seen the stone door which has never been opened, because the date has not yet arrived." There is a much better description of this stone doorway in the novel Madwand by Roger Zelazny, but I am (at present) unable to locate my copy of the text.

I was born on the 27th of May, but have never considered myself a Gemini. I have always seen the Universe as a web of forces in constant interplay. About 15 years ago I latched onto the Sidereal interpretation of the zodiac to gain me access to the powers of Taurus (ie, the ability to 'earth' ideas), but I am not very good at earthing. Rather than feeling satisfied with a single astrological constellation, I have thought of myself as embodying the 4 Fixed signs (or 'hubs' as they are known in the system which I use), for they embody the balanced working of the four elements upon the plane of abstract creation & behind-the-scenes manipulation of reality. When I was initiated into the Horus/Maat-Lodge, the Trump which represented

my innermost being was Gannesh, the elephant god, poised upon a spider's web. This Trump is equivalent to the Hierophant (which represents Taurus). I was therefore pleasantly surprised to read Grant's description of Arachnae, from which I quote:

"The sign of this Goddess [the Spider Queen of Space] is especially related to magical power and the phenomena of psychic transmissions from extra-terrestrial dimensions. Each of the 256 pockets of her web contains a dimension lying oblique to the known Universe in the realm of Space reflected as Time, on the back of the Tree."

This is an excellent summary of the 'behind-the-scenes manipulation of reality which I have been cultivating within myself over the years & it meshes quite nicely with the Astrological influences which I perceive at work within my own life. It would seem that my development (which has been -- until now -- independent of the concept of Arachnae) is a corroboration of the validity of Arachnae as a viable astrological formula.

But, I do not mean to imply that access through the stone door is denied to all but those born under the appropriate sign &/or who have access to a sex partner born under Algol. There was a time when the stone door was closed (as Roerich states so clearly), but much has transpired since the early part of this century. Whether the doorway has swung open because of mankind's experimentation in the realms of atomic fission/fusion (and the related experimentation into the nature of matter/energy) or whether it came as a result of our leaving this planet's surface, I cannot say with certainty. I favor the latter argument while 718 seems to favor the former. In 1904, the Wright brothers left the solid earth in controlled flight, and AL was read aloud to 666 & the Rose. In 1957, sputnik was launched into orbit at a time of great religious & mystical un-foldings within my personal world of dreams (but this may be important only to my personal universe, for this time period was during my puberty & sputnik was <for me> a commemoration of my first VIII Degree orgasm). But whatever the reason, the door of stone is no longer locked from the other side, although most occultists (particularly those whose formative years [childhood] were prior to the birth of the atomic age) seem obsessed with keeping the door locked from this side. Grant is genuinely excited by that which lies beyond this stone door, but sometimes I get the feeling that he likes to use the adrenalin rush of fear to get him through the Doorway, rather than the more 'neutral' emotion of pure excitement at the thrill of exploration. I do not fault him for his emotional state or for his preference of emotions, but sometimes I get the feeling that he wants everybody working with these forces to be driven by paranoia (or at least a 'healthy' dose of fear). In his earlier books, he seemed to council against reification of Nightside on this side of the Door, but in Circles, he gives formula after formula for doing precisely that. I guess that either he has gotten over much of his initial fear, or has now realized that there are those who have no fear who must be permitted access to the keys which he has so lovingly & painstakingly collected over the years.

My first experiential exploration of that which lies beyond this stone door [i.e. Arachnae's web of gateways, dimensions, with their a-causal and twisted time-flow] was during my probation after a

remarkably powerful (yet relaxing) opus with Anne (I forget whether it was IX Degree or XI Degree, el.rub.). At the time of the opus, I knew of Anne's link with Algol, but I had no idea of the nature of consequences of that link (other than the fact that the Arabs feared those born with their natal sun conjunct this star). Tanith commented upon my diary entry of this waking dream operation, but her comments were so cryptic (possibly because I was utilizing formulae which were 'beyond my grade') that the dream's significance was lost upon me until a few days ago when I read the following passage in Grant:

"One night in 1939 I dreamed of entering a winding cavern. At each turning, the darkness grew denser so that it came as a shock when, after groping round yet another turning, I was suddenly dazzled by brilliant light. It flashed from the cavern wall that faced me and which abruptly terminated my journey. When I recovered from the glare, I saw that its source was a mysterious sigil emblazoned upon the rock. It seemed to vibrate with such energy that the wall trembled as a curtain shivers in a breeze. The sigil, though unfamiliar, had for me an instant appeal, although at the time -- and for a long time afterwards -- no special meaning. I adopted it instinctively as a secret cypher of my Magical Self, although I can offer no rational explanation as to why I did so."

My dream was (allowing for differences in the Time of the dream as well as the personality of the two dreamers) nearly identical to Grant's up to the point where he saw a sigil upon the face of the rock. I saw no sigil which impressed itself upon my memory, but I was able to travel un-restricted through many levels of doorways. From my present perspective, I can say that I was most assuredly travelling within the strands of Arachnae's web -- which were perceived by me as a series of Tunnels which led to various points on the Time/Space continuum containing active (open) gateways. My explorations were cursory & I really did not comprehend much of my journey, but it was my first concrete step upon this magickal Path of Spider-shamanism.

Since then I have explored this nether region at irregular intervals -- as time is measured on this side of the door (on the other side of the door, my magick is quite regular; I do my workings whenever the alignments are correct). I do not fear what I have found, but it does disturb me that my explorations seem to evoke fear & apprehension in others -- particularly among magickians whose work is along lines very similar to my own & therefore (in my opinion) 'ought' to know better. But 'ought to' and 'should not' really have no place among those who experiment with the unknown. My initial dismay at not being recognized as a valid researcher of the realms at the frontiers of the explored Universe has increased the fervor of my experiments and has led me to seek alliances among some very strange entities (both human & otherwise) -- who are able to perceive what I am attempting & who are able to trust both my vision & my judgement. These beings encourage me to pursue my researches in the face of opposition from those whom I love & respect. I am at home on both sides of the door (which is always open within me).

I am not really certain why 718 & I seem to be at loggerheads so much. Perhaps if I shared his 'fearful-attraction' to the regions beyond the stone door, he could work with me more easily. But I do not

fear these energies. I value the opinions of those humans whom I work with, but the greatest part of my guidance comes from those 'self-created' regions beyond the door of stone which spring from Arachnae's web wherever I look. I would love to work with 718, but I don't really wear the mask of apprentice very well. He may be twice my age, but I am not a little boy who needs to follow in his footsteps, lest I get myself lost. I love to work with the ideas which he presents in his books (& would love to experiment with some of his tentative ideas which are not yet ready for publishing), but I have to be true to my own Will while doing so. He claims that the only valid XI Degree formula is el.rub., whereas I am able to manipulate potent energies via the formula of p.v.n. as well as via el.rub. Likewise I see no sense in spending 6 months playing games with my kundalini via imaginative methods, when I have some very powerful tools to get me in touch with my risen kundalini much quicker & with greater satisfaction. My teachers lie outside of Time & Space (as we know them). Nobody has yet shown me why I should spend time doing exercises when I can simply tie-into the energies from beyond via VIII Degree, IX Degree, XI Degree [both el.rub. & p.v.n.], ethyl ether, mushrooms, Sufi Dancing, & using my music synthesizer. I can easily accept that AL is a sexual grimoire, but I cannot accept that it is only a sexual grimoire. An XI Degree priestess does not lose her magickal powers at menopause. An impotent magickian can still skry the nethermost regions of infinity (I doubt very much that H.P.L. used any sexual techniques [other than Victorian repression] to do all of his dream workings). A magickal experience induced by psychedelics is just as valid as a magickal experience induced by sex magick. I waste time playing games here on Malkuth when my work is exploration of the 'unmapped lands'. I am here to work with the other teachers on this globe.

I know that if I can but learn how to approach other magickians in a non-threatening way, they will be able to perceive me as a co-worker (rather than as a threat) and we will all learn to work directly & in harmony with these energies which can (if we find ways to tap-into them in ways which are beneficial to all concerned) liberate this planet from shortages & the vagaries of 'Nature'. This earth is our womb, but it is now time for the 'child' to be born. A baby which remains within the womb too long will die -- poisoning the mother along with it. Our mother earth is now being taxed heavily through our incessant leaching of her resources as well as through the excretion of our toxins (both biological & industrial). We need to open-up these gateways 'in perfect love & perfect trust' within all members of the race (not just within those few of us who have opened the gateway within ourselves).

I could act alone (by virtue of the license granted to me through the key which I have discovered [& utilized] in Liber A'ASH) but it would be a much easier task if the burden of planning and actualizing this campaign were spread through the ranks of at least one of the councils who govern this planet on the inner. At this time I choose to continue my explorations of the Web of Arachnae rather than seek to reify my findings in the here-&-now. I need to do more work on myself so that I will be able to work more smoothly with others. Likewise I need to prepare more write-ups of my explorations, showing the pattern of inter-connectedness with the researches of others, so that others

can be excited by this avenue of research & will work with me -- each utilizing those tools with which he/she works best.

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